

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

"Peanuts" character Charlie Brown says, "Sometimes I lie awake at night and ask, "Why me?" Then a voice answers, "Nothing personal, your name just happened to come up."

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus teaches us the Lord's Prayer: He uses the example of a friend in need banging on his neighbor's door at night. The neighbor doesn't want to get up in the middle of the night for him.

Jesus tells us that his Father in heaven is always ready, willing and able to send the Holy Spirit upon his disciples. The father is open 24/7. We can go and knock at any time and God will be there for he knows each one of us by name.

Here are some thoughts you might reflect on this week: When do you pray the Lord's Prayer at times other than at Mass? What's your motivation? Is the prayer said as part of morning or evening prayer? As a plea for help? What do you picture by the phrase, "who art in heaven"? What are we hoping for when we pray that God's name be "hallowed"?

Praying that God's will be done in our lives and really meaning it is not a prayer for the faint of heart. We also need to make the word "us" in "Give us this day our daily bread" mean more than "just us." We cannot be Christians and pray for only our own bread. "Forgive us.....as we forgive." This requirement is scary if we truly take it to heart. What we need to remember is that God knows that true forgiveness is more often a process and not an event—in other words—it takes time and requires God's help. The Gospel this weekend invites us to embrace the challenge of the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Let's pray for the grace to do so! God bless you all!

Father Michael Tang

Dear Transfiguration:

Please pray for the soul of **Reverend Patrick O'Shea former priest of Transfiguration Church**, who passed on July 8, 2013. Condolence cards may be sent to Mary Ellen O'Shea, c/o The Little Flower Church, 1805 Pierce Street, Hollywood, Florida, 33020.

School News

Regular School Begins
Wednesday, August 14, 2013
7:45 AM to 3:30 PM

Mandatory Summer Reading
for all students grades K-8.

Call the office at 323.292.3011, if you have any questions.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 27
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Ramona Alexander
Sunday	July 28
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Rosalin Ellis
10:00 a.m.	Intention of Children, Grandchildren and Great Grand Children of Mary Ann Mayer
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
Monday	July 29
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Father Oscar Pratt, II
Tuesday	July 30
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Linda Pratt
Wednesday	July 31
8:00 a.m.	Intention of the Pratt Family
Thursday	August 1
8:00 am.	Soul of Lawrence Adams, Jr.
Friday	August 2
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Alphonse Pichon
Saturday	August 3
5:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	August 4
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Paula Osborn
10:00 a.m.	Souls of Romalis, Sonya, Peter Arguilar, Sr. and Intention of Virgie Arguilar
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Tony Middleton

Readings for the week

Sunday	Gn 18:20-32, Ps 138:1-8, Lk 11:1-13
Monday	Ex 32:15-34, Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11, Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35, Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-38, Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1-37, Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25:1-17, Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eecl 1:2-23, Ps 95:1-9, Lk 12:13-21

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, July 22, 2012	Sunday, July 21, 2013
\$3,221.22 Sacrificial Gift	\$6,413.51 Sacrificial Gift
281.83 Building Fund	533.37 Building Fund
161.05 "We Care"	304.78 "We Care"

Did you know?

Helpful tips to help children and the elderly bear the heat

Did you know that elderly people (65 years and older), infants and children and people with chronic medical conditions are more prone to heat stress. Keep in mind that air-conditioning is the number one protective factor against heat-related illness and death. During conditions of extreme heat, spend time in locations with air-conditioning such as shopping malls, public libraries, or public health sponsored heat-relief shelters in your area. Get informed. Listen to local news and weather channels or contact your local public health department during extreme heat conditions for health and safety updates. Drink cool, nonalcoholic beverages and increase your fluid intake, regardless of your activity level. For more information visit: http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat_guide.asp.

Church Picnic



SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH

9 AM to 5 PM

KENNETH HAHN PARK

Celebrating a year of Faith

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in the rectory or e-mail dcn431@aol.com. Thank You!

~Deacon Greg Patterson

The PARISH HALL will be closed for Spring Cleaning until further notice.

Pastor Scholarship Fund

Transfiguration School is accepting new students in all grades. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to new students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8th grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

Cook Position Available

San Gabriel Valley retreat house is seeking an experienced PART TIME cook to prepare meals for retreatants and other guests. ServSafe certification required. Schedule varies for time of day and includes weekends. If you are interested in applying, please email your resume to jobapp920@live.com.

SENATE BILL 131

Archbishop Gomez is asking all Catholics to contact their Assembly members and Senators and urge them to vote "No" on Senate Bill 131. Simply tell your elected officials to vote "No" because this legislation fails to protect all victims of childhood sexual abuse, discriminates against Catholic schools and other private employers, and puts the social services and educational work of the Church at risk. The Bishops of the California Catholic Conference believe it is urgent for all Catholics to act now.

To contact your Elected Officials, visit our webpage: www.LAFaithfulCitizen.org.

Background on SB-131

1. Senate Bill 131, now before the California Legislature, would suspend for one year a deadline (called a "statute of limitations") to give childhood sexual abuse victims the chance to sue their abusers' employers for damages resulting from their abuse.

2. SB-131 is not good legislation because it does not protect all children. In fact, the bill only allows lawsuits to be filed by children who were abused in religious and other private schools and organizations such as the YMCA or Little League. Children who were abused by public school teachers or other public employees are specifically **not protected** by SB 131. That means this legislation offers no protection for the 92 percent of California's children who attend public schools or for children in foster care or in other public settings.

3. SB-131 unfairly targets only Catholic-run and other private institutions because it only allows lawsuits against private schools and organizations and specifically exempts public schools and other public institutions. The sexual abuse of children is a social reality. It is not limited to private institutions. Any legislation that seeks to deal with this grave problem should be applied to protect victims in all institutions in society — public and private— equally.

4. SB-131 does nothing to increase penalties against the actual abusers of children. The bill allows for monetary damages to be imposed on private employers. But it does not impose any civil or criminal penalties on the perpetrator.

Petition for the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, and Lilla Williams.